

SUPREME COURT

Budget Summary						FTE Position Summary				
Fund	2014-15 Adjusted Base	Request		2015-17 Change Over Base Year Doubled		2014-15	Request		2016-17 Over 2014-15	
		2015-16	2016-17	Amount	%		2015-16	2016-17	Number	%
GPR	\$14,991,600	\$16,764,300	\$16,765,000	\$3,546,100	11.8%	114.50	123.50	123.50	9.00	7.9%
FED	900,000	935,700	935,700	71,400	4.0	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.0
PR	14,896,400	12,447,200	12,473,200	- 4,872,400	- 16.4	96.25	96.25	96.25	0.00	0.0
SEG	740,700	763,000	764,100	45,700	3.1	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.0
TOTAL	\$31,528,700	\$30,910,200	\$30,938,000	- \$1,209,200	- 1.9%	220.75	229.75	229.75	9.00	4.1%

Major Request Items

1. STANDARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Request adjustments to the base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$550,200 GPR, \$35,500 FED, \$525,100 PR, and \$19,300 SEG annually); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$50,100 GPR, \$200 FED, \$25,700 PR, and \$3,000 SEG in 2013-14; and \$85,600 GPR, \$200 FED, \$51,700 PR, and \$4,100 SEG in 2014-15).

GPR	\$1,236,100
FED	71,400
PR	1,127,600
SEG	45,700
Total	\$2,480,800

2. CIRCUIT COURT ELECTRONIC FILING PROJECT

Request \$1,084,200 in 2015-16 and \$1,049,400 in 2016-17 and 8.0 project positions annually to implement an electronic case filing system for the circuit courts. Requested funding would include: (a) \$494,800 in 2015-16 and \$700,000 in 2016-17 and 8.0 business process analyst project positions to provide training to counties on the e-filing system; (b) \$320,300 in 2015-16 and \$80,100 in 2016-17 for contract software developers to develop software for the system; and (c) \$269,300 annually for desktop and large screen scanners to transition from paper to electronic records.

	Funding	Positions
GPR	\$2,133,600	8.00

The Director of State Courts office operates the circuit court automation program, which provides uniform software applications to counties, including circuit court case management, jury management, financial management, court calendaring, and training on the computer system. The program is currently supported through program revenue funding received from a variety of court-related fees.

**3. STATEWIDE PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS
COORDINATOR**

	Funding	Positions
GPR	\$176,400	1.00

Request \$88,200 and 1.0 position annually associated with a statewide coordinator for problem-solving courts to support the increasing number of problem-solving courts in the state. Problem-solving courts are courts designed to address specific issues, such as veterans courts, drug and alcohol courts, mental health courts, and drunk driving courts. This position is currently supported through a grant from the Department of Justice (formerly Office of Justice Assistance), due to expire in June, 2015. The coordinator's work includes serving on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, creating performance measures, developing and implementing model standards, and providing technical assistance and training to local jurisdictions.

4. CCAP PROGRAM REVENUE REESTIMATE

PR	- \$6,000,000
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Request a decrease of \$3,000,000 annually related to the Circuit Court Automation Program continuing program revenue appropriation to reflect 2013-14 actual expenditures. According to the request, CCAP revenues have decreased by 24.4% since 2008-09. Adjusted base funding for CCAP is \$10,001,100, and expenditures in 2013-14 totaled \$7,556,300.

5. BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF STATE COURTS

Request modification of statutory language to convert the Director of State Courts Office appropriation from an annual appropriation to a biennial appropriation.

6. JUDICIAL COMPENSATION

Request statutory language to create a Wisconsin Judicial Compensation Commission to study and make recommendations on judicial compensation. Under the proposal, the Commission would make written recommendations on judicial salaries no later than December 1st of each even-numbered year to the Governor and to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER). The Committee would review the report and approve the Commissioner's recommendations, unless a majority of its members agreed not to approve the recommendations. Judicial salaries would be increased based on the general wage increases awarded to all state employees or salaries increases recommended by the Commission and approved by JCOER, whichever is greater.

The proposed Commission would consist of seven members, whose appointments would include: (a) two by the Governor; (b) one by the President of the Senate; (c) one by the Speaker of the Assembly; (d) one each by the Deans of the University of Wisconsin and Marquette University Law Schools; and (e) one by the President of the State Bar of Wisconsin. Members would serve without compensation but would be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out their responsibilities.

Further, request a non-statutory provision requiring judicial salaries in the 2015-17 state compensation plan to be set at a level comparable to the average judicial salaries among Wisconsin's surrounding Midwest states as of January 1, 2014. According to the request, Wisconsin judicial compensation compared with surrounding Midwest states (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and Minnesota) as of January, 2014 include: (a) Circuit Courts, \$131,200 for Wisconsin judges and \$152,000 for surrounding Midwest states; (b) Court of Appeals, \$139,100 for Wisconsin judges and \$162,500 for surrounding Midwest states; and (c) Supreme Court, \$147,400 for Wisconsin judges and \$175,100 for surrounding Midwest states.